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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action.

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 28-32, and 34-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gavette (Gavette, US Patent No. 6, 321,095).

Regarding claim 28, Gavette discloses a communication device identified by an initiator identification code (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 1, lines 4-6, column 2, lines 14-36, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 7, lines 1-12, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, and lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25, column 18, lines 53-67, column 20, lines 13-28, identifying communication device by initiating ID*) comprising: a control device to receive an identification code (*see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, , column 21, lines 1-5, control device (processor) receives identification*), transmit the initiator identification code and the identification code to a transceiver identified by a transceiver identification code (*see for example, column 7, lines*

*61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, column 21, lines 1-5, initiator identification transmitted and transceiver identifying), and receive acknowledgment information in response to the transceiver determining that the identification code matches the transceiver identification code (see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, column 21, lines 1-5, initiator identification transmitted and transceiver identifying).*

Regarding claim 40, Gavette discloses a communication device identified by an initiator identification code (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 1, lines 4-6, column 2, lines 14-36, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 7, lines 1-12, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, and lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25, column 18, lines 53-67, column 20, lines 13-28, identifying communication device by initiating ID*) comprising:  
a processor to receive an identification code (*see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, , column 21, lines 1-5, control device (processor) receives identification*),  
automatically scan a plurality of channels for an available primary channel (*see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28*), and transmit via the available primary channel the initiator identification code and the identification code to at least one transceiver identified

by a transceiver identification code (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 1, lines 4-6, column 2, lines 14-36, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28*).

Regarding claims 29 and 42, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claims 28 and 40, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the control device has a direct wireless link to the transceiver without the use of a telephone network (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 20, lines 13-16, the controller direct wireless link without network*).

Regarding claim 30, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the acknowledgement information includes the transceiver identification code (*see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, column 21, lines 1-5, the transceiver identification*).

Regarding claim 31, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the control device automatically scan a plurality of channels for an available channel (*see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to*

*column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28).*

Regarding claim 32, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the control device transmits the initiator identification code and the identification code directly to the transceiver without the use of an intermediate network (*see for example, column 3, lines 53-61, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, column 21, lines 1-5, initiator identification transmitted without the intermediate network (two-way radio) and transceiver identifying*).

Regarding claim 34, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the control device receives voice data, scrambles the voice data, and transmits the scrambled voice data to the transceiver (*see for example, column 4, lines 59-64, column 15, lines 24-67 continued to column 16, lines 1-56, column 18, lines 13-27, the received voice data and encryption (scramble) and secure transmission*).

Regarding claim 35, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the transceiver descrambles the voice data (*see for example, column 18, lines 13-27, column 15, lines 24-67 continued to column 16, lines 1-56*).

Regarding claim 36, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the control device scans the plurality of channels for a signal or interference and designates the available channel as a primary channel (*see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28*) and another available channel as a standby channel (*see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 11, lines 3-13*).

Regarding claim 37, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 36, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the control device creates an available channel table that includes a plurality of channel numbers representing the plurality of channels that did not have the signal or interference (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28*).

Regarding claims 38 and 44, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claims 28 and 40, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator identification code is selected from a group consisting of a name or a number (*see for example, column 8, lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25*,

*initiator and name or number).*

Regarding claims 39 and 45, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claims 28 and 40, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the transceiver identification code is selected from a group consisting of a name or a number (see for example, column 8, lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25, *transceiver name or number*).

Regarding claim 41, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 40, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the processor automatically scans the plurality of channels for an available secondary channel (see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28 and receives via the available secondary channel the transceiver identification code (see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28).

Regarding claim 43, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 40, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the processor receives the transceiver identification code in response to the at least one transceiver determining that the identification code matches its transceiver identification code



*(see for example, Figures 1-6, column 1, lines 4-6, column 2, lines 14-36, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28).*

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action: in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 33, and 46-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gavette (Gavette, US Patent No. 6, 321,095) in view of Fumarolo (Fumarolo et al., US Patent No. 6,366,782).

Regarding claim 46, Gavette discloses a system to provide *[half-duplex]* communication comprising: an initiator transceiver having an initiator identification code and to receive an identification code *(see for example, Figures 1-6, column 1, lines 4-6, column 2, lines 14-36, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 7, lines 1-12, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, and lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25, column 18, lines 53-*

67, column 20, lines 13-28, identifying communication device by initiating ID), automatically scan a plurality of channels for an available channel and transmit (see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28), using the available channel, the initiator identification code and the identification code (see for example, Figures 1-6, column 1, lines 4-6, column 2, lines 14-36, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28); and a recipient transceiver having a recipient identification code and to receive the initiator identification code and the identification code and automatically transmit the recipient identification code to the initiator transceiver if the identification code matches the recipient identification code (see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, column 21, lines 1-5, initiator identification transmitted and transceiver identifying).

Gavette does not specifically teach half-duplex, however, Gavette teaches m-duplex communication (see for example, column 21, lines 6-13).

In a related art dealing with communication system two-way communication system, Fumarolo teaches half-duplex (see for example, column 1, lines 8-12, column 4, lines 6-10, column 6, lines 1-5, column 8, lines 12-15).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time

invention was made to have included Fumarolo's half-duplex into Gavette's communication system to provide "m-duplex, allowing simultaneous bidirectional exchange of information between two or more participants", without "the geographic limitations or require the expensive and elaborate infrastructure of digital cellular systems", "provides additional services such as call waiting, caller ID and third party calling" (*Gavette, see for example, column 21, lines 3-13*), and to provide the capability of "any other transmission mode parameters (e.g., whether or not the transmitting unit's message is encrypted, full-duplex, half-duplex, and so forth)" (*Fumarolo, see for example, column 17, lines 4-6*).

Regarding claim 33, Gavette teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 28, and further, Gavette teaches the control device operates using m-duplex communication (*see for example, column 21, lines 6-13*), however, Gavette does not specifically teach half-duplex.

In a related art dealing with communication system two-way communication system, Fumarolo teaches half-duplex (*see for example, column 1, lines 8-12, column 4, lines 6-10, column 6, lines 1-5, column 8, lines 12-15*).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to have included Fumarolo's half-duplex into Gavette's communication system to provide "m-duplex, allowing simultaneous bidirectional exchange of information between two or more participants", without "the geographic limitations or require the expensive and elaborate infrastructure of

digital cellular systems", "provides additional services such as call waiting, caller ID and third party calling" (*Gavette, see for example, column 21, lines 3-13*), and to provide the capability of "any other transmission mode parameters (e.g., whether or not the transmitting unit's message is encrypted, full-duplex, half-duplex, and so forth)" (*Fumarolo, see for example, column 17, lines 4-6*).

Regarding claim 47, Gavette in view of Fumarolo teach all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator transceiver has a direct wireless link to the recipient transceiver without the use of a telephone network (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 3, lines 53-67 continued to column 4, lines 1-4, column 20, lines 13-16, the controller direct wireless link without network*).

Regarding claim 48, Gavette in view of Fumarolo teach all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator transceiver transmits the initiator identification code and the recipient identification code directly to the recipient transceiver without the use of an intermediate network (*see for example, column 3, lines 53-61, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28, column 21, lines 1-5, initiator identification transmitted without the intermediate network (two-way radio) and transceiver identifying*).

Regarding claim 49, Gavette in view of Fumaro teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Fumaro teaches wherein the initiator transceiver and the recipient transceiver operate using half-duplex communication (*see for example, column 1, lines 8-12, column 4, lines 6-10, column 6, lines 1-5, column 8, lines 12-15*).

Regarding claim 50, Gavette in view of Fumaro teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator transceiver and the recipient transceiver include a scrambler for encoding voice data and a descrambler for decoding voice data (*see for example, column 4, lines 59-64, column 15, lines 24-67 continued to column 16, lines 1-56, column 18, lines 13-27, the received voice data and encryption (scramble) and secure transmission*).

Regarding claim 51, Gavette in view of Fumaro teaches all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator transceiver automatically scans the plurality of channels for a signal or interference and designates the available channel as a primary channel (*see for example, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28*) and another available channel as a standby channel (*see for example, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 11, lines 3-13*).

Regarding claim 52, Gavette in view of Fumarolo teach all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator transceiver creates an available channel table that includes a plurality of channel numbers representing the plurality of channels that did not have the signal or interference (*see for example, Figures 1-6, column 5, lines 43-67 continued to column 6, lines 1-5, column 7, lines 61-67 continued to column 8, lines 1-2, column 18, lines 44-67, column 20, lines 13-28*).

Regarding claim 53, Gavette in view of Fumarolo teach all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the initiator identification code is selected from a group consisting of a name or a number (*see for example, column 8, lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25, initiator and name or number*).

Regarding claim 54, Gavette in view of Fumarolo teach all the claimed limitation as recited in claim 46, and further, Gavette teaches wherein the transceiver identification code is selected from a group consisting of a name or a number (*see for example, column 8, lines 59-67 continued to column 9, lines 1-25, transceiver name or number*).


### **Conclusion**

3. The prior art made of record considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure, see PTO-892 form.

### **Inquiry**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shaima Q. Aminzay whose telephone number is 571-272-7874. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM -5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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